

SENATE BILL 38

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 4, Part 2, relative to registration plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-242(a), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), no fee shall be imposed for issuing a registration plate pursuant to this section for the first vehicle registered by a member of the United States reserve forces. The county clerk in effecting registrations through the use of such registration plates shall collect other fees that have application for all registrations, such as service charges provided in § 55-6-104 and reassignment fees when applicable.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-242, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) If a holder of a registration plate issued pursuant to this section is discharged from the United States reserve forces prior to the expiration of the registration under which the plate was issued, the plate may remain valid for display on the vehicle until the expiration date of the registration, unless the plate was issued as provided in (a)(2). Any plate issued as provided in (a)(2) shall be surrendered to the United States reserve force in which the holder of the registration plate served when the holder of the plate is discharged from service.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-244(c), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), no fee shall be imposed for issuing a registration plate pursuant to this section for the first vehicle registered by an active member of the United States military or military reserves. The county clerk in effecting registrations through the use of such registration plates shall collect other fees that have application for all registrations, such as service charges provided in § 55-6-104 and reassignment fees when applicable.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-244, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) If a holder of an active member cultural plate is discharged from the military prior to the expiration of the registration under which the plate was issued, the cultural plate may remain valid for display on the vehicle until the expiration date of the registration, unless it was issued with no fee imposed as provided in (c)(2). All plates that are issued with no fee imposed as provided in (c)(2) shall be surrendered to the branch of the United States armed forces in which the holder of the plate served when the holder is discharged from service.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-270(a), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), no fee shall be imposed for issuing a registration plate pursuant to this section for the first vehicle registered by a member of the Tennessee state guard. The county clerk in effecting registrations through the use of

such registration plates shall collect other fees that have application for all registrations, such as service charges provided in § 55-6-104 and reassignment fees when applicable.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-270, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designed subsection:

( ) If a holder of a registration plate issued pursuant to this section is discharged from the Tennessee state guard prior to the expiration of the registration under which the plate was issued, the plate may remain valid for display on the vehicle until the expiration date of the registration unless the plate was issued as provided in (a)(2). Any plate issued as provided in (a)(2) shall be surrendered to the Tennessee state guard when the holder of the plate is discharged from service.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-278(a)(1), is amended by inserting the following language immediately following the language "enlisted national guard member,":

§ 55-4-242(a)(2) for a member of the United States reserve forces, § 55-4-244(c)(2) for an active member of the United States military or military reserves, and § 55-4-270(a)(2) for a member in good standing of the Tennessee state guard,

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-278(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "or by § 55-4-228(d)(1)(A) for enlisted national guard members" and by substituting instead the following language:

by § 55-4-228(d)(1)(A) for enlisted national guard members, by § 55-4-242(a)(2) for members of the United States reserve forces, by § 55-4-244(c)(2) for active members of the United States military or military reserves, or by § 55-4-270(a)(2) for members in good standing of the Tennessee state guard,

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-278, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) If a holder of motorcycle plate issued pursuant to this section is discharged from the national guard, the United States reserve forces, active military or military reserves service, or the Tennessee state guard, the motorcycle plate may remain valid for display on the vehicle until the expiration date of the registration unless it was issued as provided in (a)(1) for enlisted national guard members, members of the United States reserve forces, active members of the United States military or military reserves, or members in good standing of the Tennessee state guard. Any such plate shall be surrendered as provided in the sections enumerated in (a)(1) as applicable to the motor vehicle registration plate issued to the holder.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to registration plates issued or renewed on or after such date.